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Amendment of special provision 658 – use of large containers

Transmitted by the Government of Austria[1, 2]

Summary

Executive summary: Special provision 658 sets out simplified conditions for the carriage of lighters and lighter refills up to certain quantities "in" wagons/vehicles.

Action to be taken: For the sake of clarity, the provision should be extended to cover large containers.

Introduction

1. Special provision 658 entered into force in RID/ADR 2013. It sets out simplified conditions for the carriage of UN 1057 lighters and UN 1057 lighter refills, provided certain quantities are not exceeded. The total gross mass of such packages "carried in a wagon/vehicle" must not exceed 100 kg.

[1] In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94, ECE/TRANS/2012/12, programme activity 02.7 (A1c)).

[2] Circulated by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) under the symbol OTIF/RID/RC/2014/33.

2. This rule should do away with the need for special agreements RID 5/2010 and ADR M213 according to RID/ADR Chapter 1.5, which prescribe similar simplified conditions. However, the corresponding limit in the agreement for road transport relates to the transport unit. On this basis, the usage of large containers was not called into question. But the wording "in a wagon/vehicle" does not provide the same degree of clarity. As large containers are used for this type of transport operation, Austria proposes this should be made clear specifically in special provision 658.

Proposal

3. In special provision 658 (b), add after "wagon/vehicle":

"or large container".

Justification

Safety: The amendment does not affect transport safety and provides the legal certainty that the provisions of special provision 658 apply not only to carriage in wagons and vehicles, but also in containers.

Feasibility: No problems are anticipated. The amendment provides legal certainty and reflects current practice.